

## HB 433 -- MEAT PROCESSOR INSPECTIONS

SPONSOR: Korman

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Committee on Agri-Business by a vote of 13 to 0.

Currently, the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Health and Senior Services are authorized to conduct specified inspections and analyses in regard to food safety. This bill prohibits the Department of Health and Senior Services or its duly authorized agent from inspecting an establishment in which livestock or poultry are slaughtered or in which meat or meat products are prepared for or capable of use for human consumption for any criteria already under inspection by the Department of Agriculture or under federal inspection.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill reduces overlapping inspection requirements for meat processors, which will reduce disparities between the two inspections.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Korman; and Missouri Pork Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.